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Hirofumi SHIMOMURA, et al.

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.99 and pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicants respectfully bring the following documents cited in the Chinese Office Action and listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application.

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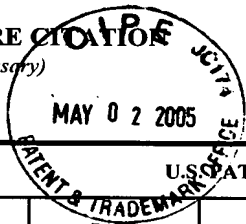
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		Chinese First Office Action, dated March 18, 2005, with English translation

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